



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE



Annual Report 2019 – 2020

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The Centre is fortunate to have many supporters and volunteers who assist it in providing challenging, exciting and worthwhile activities for the local community. We wish to thank everybody who has given their time, energy and enthusiasm.



Chair's Report

Writing this in the autumn of 2020 it feels very odd to be reflecting on the events of such a normal active period. The tail end of the year included the initial Covid-19 lockdown but the vast bulk of the year's activities and triumphs happened in the heady days of 2019 when people could actually meet and engage in adventures in each other's company. It's important to note that whilst the Covid-19 lockdown did have a huge impact on us, with most of our staff on furlough, and Mike being laid low by the virus itself, we did manage to continue to deliver youth activities right the way through the lockdown. This provided a vital lifeline for many young people who were desperately short on support and often isolated. As soon as they could, the adult clubs also swung into action providing much needed outdoor and social activity for their members. We should be very proud of how the Centre has responded to the pressures of the crisis and helped support our community.

2019 saw the youth club operating with larger numbers than in my memory, covering a huge age range from 9 year olds to newly qualified instructors in their late teens. Of particular note is that, through the work of the 'Girls Can Adventure' programme we've managed to ensure that 40% of our youth club attendees are young women. Both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards were earned on tough assessment trips in the mountains of Snowdonia. Elsewhere in the programme eight members of the youth club started on a coach training scheme, six of whom were from ethnic minorities, working towards qualifications that might provide access to employment, but will certainly better equip them to live their lives and contribute to society no matter what they go on to choose to do for a living.

Financially it was yet another tough year. The good news is that we were able to fund a part time fundraising and volunteer coordination post that Carl Greenslade took on in May 2019 and has seen particular success in managing groups of volunteers in helping maintain the site and fleet. A fund, operated by the GLA, has supported a post to work with young people identified as being at risk, and Robyn Cuthbert was welcomed to the team in the role. We were also able to fund a much needed renovation and expansion of the Centre's climbing wall. Despite this good news, we once again made an operational loss of just over £30,000. This is clearly unsustainable and efforts to contain our losses are being redoubled, as this continues to erode our reserves and would ultimately result in our closure.

Our operating model is challenging as our objective of providing our core youth services to our community, at the lowest cost possible, results in a situation where the more work we do, and the better we perform, the worse our financial position, as this work is all loss making and dependent on grant support. As we look ahead to a hopefully post Covid-19 world it is clear that the economic impacts of the virus are going to be severe resulting in an ever greater need for our activities, but that public sector finances are going to be challenging and charitable income potentially hard to find.

Finally I must thank: our dedicated staff team for all their fantastic efforts and commitment far beyond what we can afford to reward them for; my colleagues on the management committee for trying to navigate the difficult balance between our finances and the need for our front line work; our funders for making it all possible; and everyone who got involved and made this place the fantastic Centre for our community that it is.

Tom Henderson December 2020

Centre Activities Report

2019-20 was our 43rd year engaged in outdoor and adventure activities and was a year of challenges realised for the Shadwell Basin community. The range of activities at affordable costs for all, one of our charitable objectives, and the focus on crucially needed development projects makes the Centre a unique place within London and vital to the local community.

The activities are used by both young people and adults alike as a vehicle for change and growth. The experiences create opportunities for individuals to push boundaries, explore their emotions and develop their values. As well as creating a healthy lifestyle, individuals experience enjoyment, fun and friendship whilst training and following pathways into employment. Each individual finds their own fulfilment from the structured learning “Pathways” of the youth project and club training sessions to the freedom experienced through exploration and competition within the natural environment.



This year was about addressing individuals needs, with specific projects set up to support participants through both physical and mental challenges, as well as working on capital development to enhance the Centre’s delivery.

Club members, staff, volunteers and young trainees also embarked on professional and personal development, with a large number of people gaining qualifications and taking part in expeditions exploring the country here and overseas.

For our community it has meant learning new skills and applying them whilst on expeditions into wild environments and pushing personal achievement, which has led to both mental and physical development within themselves and with others.



Development of the Centre is guided by a ten year community created plan that started in 2014 and has to date achieved 132 of its 243 targets. The evaluation exercise of this planned for March 2020 was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and pushed back to 2021. Because of the national shutdown in March there is, more than ever, the need for the whole Shadwell community to raise money to help the Centre continue to deliver special experiences for all.



The Centre offers a journey for young and old, creating a positive and stimulating atmosphere where all are welcomed and encouraged. It supports unique individual development through challenge, from beginner to experienced member. This personal growth arms participants with skills and resilience to enable them to cope with adversity and overcome barriers by creating solutions.

Youth Activities

In 2019-20 237 young people have taken part in 60 sessions and 80 days of challenging and adventurous activities, with a total of 3,956 attendances in the youth project.

In an area that has one of the highest child poverty rates in the UK it is more important than ever that the Centre continues to provide high quality activities at an 80% subsidy so that all local young people, whatever their circumstances, are able to take part.



This year, projects were launched that were a reaction to the needs of young people; “Inspiring Futures” to work with “at risk” young people and “The Right To Explore”, creating a much needed pathway to employment for black and ethnic minority coaches.

This meant support through mentoring as well as concentrating on pushing boundaries through day trips in climbing, kayaking and mountain biking. Special trips included a River Thames Kayak Marathon and a sailing residential to the coast. Young people climbed sea cliffs in South Wales, white water kayaked in North Wales and conquered the North Face of Tryfan in Snowdonia.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver groups all passed a very challenging assessment in July in Snowdonia, igniting further challenges next year. The positive special projects of “Girls Can Adventure” and the integrated youth club continue to offer innovative activities for the under-represented, whilst the 5 to 8’s programme in its fifth year continues to introduce the younger ones to outdoor education. In the 2019 Summer Project 147 young people participated in activities over 20 days, obtaining 57 certificated and 164 accredited outcomes, with 1,655 visits in total.



The high quality teaching is recognised by the “Learning Outside the Classroom” Award that the Centre has achieved. This is down to the unique and educational “Pathways” structure and the experience of a dedicated staff, which allows progress for all. The higher level of skill acquisition also allows young people to develop talent through the Leadership programme. This has a positive effect on young people and what they can accomplish, but also what they can achieve in the future when it comes to competition, training for coaching awards and future employment opportunities.

The values of the Youth Project cut across all the activities, not just instilling worthwhile personal and social development with such concepts as respect and equality, but enshrining friendship which enables a fully inclusive unique approach to youth work through adventure.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The D of E programme has become an integral part of the activities with young people and proven to be very successful, instilling participants with a sense of self knowledge and achievement, helping to create the positive atmosphere that young people experience throughout the youth programme. This year there were eleven young people taking part at Bronze level and five at Silver level.



The award is about so much more than succeeding in an expedition. Young people make a commitment throughout the year to also undertake the volunteering, physical and skills sections which make up the award.

The ethos of the award is one of teamwork, determination, commitment and support for each other and we see these elements growing within participants as they become more mature, independent and responsible individuals. This growth enables participants to use their skills, knowledge and experience to become leaders and mentors for newer members. The comment below really sums up the value of the award to participants:



“Out of all the things I’ve taken part in with the youth club, D of E has always been the activity I get the most out of. Throughout my Bronze and Silver D of E journeys I’ve been challenged both mentally and physically. The challenge has come either through the responsibility of efficiently leading my team on the right path and adapting to the groups abilities and specialities, or the strenuous eight hour plus walks, all whilst carrying at some points up to 20kgs!”

Whilst D of E has helped me work on understanding the team around me, it has also taught me a lot about myself: my own strengths and limitations. When you are out in the mountains you must be able to rely on the team as well as yourself; there are no excuses! D of E has taught me that no matter how hard the walk gets, whether it be in torrential rain, or when a dry-stone wall collapses on a member of the team, you should never give up! The self-satisfaction of completing the walk, reflecting on the breath-taking views and the jaw-dropping heights is unbeatable and it’s a feeling everyone should be able to experience in their lives.”

The opportunity to visit wilderness areas as part of the award is really important and this year the training and expeditions took place in the Peak District and Snowdonia. It was impressive to see the training, preparation and planning of all the individuals put successfully into practice throughout the expeditions. Hopefully many of the participants will go on to Silver and Gold awards in the future.



Offsite Trips

One of the most valuable elements of the Centre's work is to provide young people with the chance to experience activities in the natural environment. Residential and day trips to the wild areas of the UK are vital in enabling young people to broaden their horizons and challenge themselves in adventurous and exciting situations. These shared experiences offer individuals a deep insight into themselves, their character and strengths, creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

This year there were some memorable trips including the Bronze and Silver D of E expeditions, day trips to venues such as Bowles Rocks and Epping Forest and a summer residential to Snowdonia in North Wales.



The activities that young people have learnt at Shadwell are put to the test and developed further in natural and sometimes challenging environments and in all weathers. Activities this year ranged from rock climbing and hill walking to mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing on white water.

Most of the trips are camping based and the young people learn campcraft and how to look after themselves and their equipment. They take part in cooking for each other, living and working as part of a team. These social times are often the most valuable parts of the trip, with individuals developing in independence and confidence.



The comments below are in answer to the question "What did you learn on the summer expedition?" and are testament to the experiences shared.

"The residential was really fun and I liked kayaking on the lake the most and I also liked the kayaking on moving water and I was pleased because I did not capsize which I'm proud of. Building and sharing the tent with Zack my tent partner was great."

"The summer expedition was one of the best things that I have done at Shadwell because it pushed me out of my comfort zone. I learnt so much and had fun. My most favourite thing was the whitewater kayaking trip, I learnt how to be on rescue as well and help some of the younger people manage to cross waves. I also enjoyed climbing at Barmouth."



"I participated in the summer expedition for the first time which was absolutely amazing! I would recommend this to anyone as it really opens you up. I loved climbing at Barmouth Slabs as I could try new harder climbing routes and conquer my fear of heights. I also loved sharing a tent with Francesca and Zofia as we made really funny jokes and had soooo much FUN."

Schools Report

This year over 3,000 students visited the Centre as part of its popular schools programme, with over 7,200 attendances taking place. The programme runs year round, but the summer term is always particularly busy. In the summer months up to 700 students each week attend sessions in kayaking, canoeing, climbing, mountain biking, rowing and high ropes. The quotes below clearly demonstrate the value of the Centre to local school students and teachers.



The Centre has been recognised for its high quality coaching, planning and safety through annual inspections and the award of the Learning Outside the Classroom Badge. The programme ranges from one off taster sessions and work with 5-8's through to activities focused on accredited awards, GCSE and A Level programmes.

Sessions enable students to take part in regular physical activity, have fun and learn new skills. Outdoor activities offer valuable opportunities to build confidence, independence and co-operation, instilling a positive attitude and encouraging students to experience new challenges and explore their strengths.



This year staff ran a pilot programme of offsite activities. The mix of mountain biking, indoor rowing, campcraft and orienteering proved popular with students and teachers alike and opened up an alternative provision for schools with no access to transport or facilities of their own. It is intended to make this a regular part of the programme offered to schools during the Autumn and Spring terms.

Around 60 students took part in GCSE programmes, completing assessments in rowing and climbing. Grades were high in both activities, with 93% of students achieving 75% and above, reflecting the hard work put in by the students and staff.

“Shadwell Basin is a vital facility for Bishop Challoner school in regards to GCSE PE. We use the rowing and climbing facilities always getting fantastic results. The staff are always friendly, professional and adaptable to our changing needs throughout the year. The staff use the GCSE criteria from Edexcel to grade our students and always ensure that the ‘assessment days’ are well planned and meet all the exam board criteria to enable our students to get the best grade possible. Around 95% of our students use at least one of the OAA activities towards their final practical grade, many of these use both. Without the use of Shadwell Basin our practical GCSE practical grades would dramatically decline.”

“I just wanted to say thank you for the sessions so far, the girls on Thursday had a great time and came back full of energy. The teacher that went with them said it was really well organised and the instructors were incredible.”



Inclusion Programmes “Adventure for All” and “Adventure Together”

The Centre is very grateful to Children in Need for funding these important programmes. Both programmes use innovative ways of working to support the needs of individuals and enable their development. It is very special indeed to see the results of this work, with young people flourishing and growing in independence and confidence.



“Adventure for All”

This Project has been running since 2015 and has worked with many individuals, schools and groups. Since the start of the Children in Need funding in January 2019 there have been 245 individuals attending 242 sessions, with 1,069 visits in total. As well as using specifically adapted equipment, such as the Hansa Access sailing dinghies, the staff are imaginative and flexible in creating high quality learning with a balance of challenge and success for participants. The quality of the programmes has also been recognised by the achievement of both Sailability and Paddle-Ability Awards.

There have been regular visits from Beatrice Tate School, as well as sessions with Aquabats, Steven Hawking and Marjorie McClure Schools. Special events have also been run with local School Partnerships from across the Borough. Individuals have attended through sessions in the holiday programmes such as the Summer Project and often continue through integrated sessions.



“Adventure Together”



This unique and pioneering Project uses outdoor and adventure activities to integrate young people with disabilities into the mainstream youth programmes. This has had numerous successes, including young people gaining skills enabling them to join the Leadership programme, members who have represented Tower Hamlets in the London Youth Games and a young person with autism completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Many of these young people first attended through “Adventure for All” sessions in the holiday programmes and there are now nine young people integrated into the mainstream youth programmes. As well as activities onsite there have been opportunities for day trips to Epping Forest and climbing at Bowles Rocks and a weekend sailing residential to Brightlingsea. This was a challenging trip with many new and exciting experiences for the participants.



The renovation of the climbing wall to include a wall specially adapted for disabled climbing has enabled many young people with disabilities to access this activity fully for the first time. The wall offers a fun and safe environment with progressive challenges for young people to test themselves on as their skills and confidence increase.

Fundraising and Volunteering

Thanks to the fundraising from the Tideway Oarsome Challenge in 2018, this year the Centre was able to employ a part time Fundraising and Volunteer Co-ordinator. Carl Greenslade was welcomed to the team in May and is responsible for organising events, co-ordinating volunteers and developing partnerships with corporate volunteer groups.



Fundraising Events

Financial support from individuals and teams is vitally important to the continued survival and success of the Centre. One of this year's new developments was the creation of rowing challenges on the Thames that will be used as a fundraising tool. Teams will be able to test themselves in the "Barrier Challenge" or the "Twelve Bridge Challenge" using our traditional Skerry rowing craft.



Volunteering

The Centre is fortunate to have a large group of volunteers who enable it to meet its objectives. Members of the Shadwell community offer their time and expertise to help in many different ways, from coaching groups, updating the website and maintaining boats to the Trustees who use their skills in the management of the Centre.



Tideway staff continued to support the Centre through a large team volunteering day, where 35 people worked really hard on craft maintenance, got the site looking fresh and clean and cleared a store in the building for use as a teaching space.



Partnerships have been developed with Hands On London and Volunteering Matters, who have both supported the Centre through facilitating volunteer days with corporate groups. Teams from the Discovery Channel, World Pay, Wells Fargo, Waitrose, Maven, Clifford Chance and QBE all helped with painting and decorating, tidying the site, weeding, sweeping and maintenance of the boats.

Youth Club Fundraisers & Volunteers

Participants on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme volunteered early every Sunday morning throughout the summer months to clean the site and help with equipment maintenance. Young people also got involved in fundraising and a group completed the annual Shadwell Kayak Marathon, a 26.2 mile paddle on the Thames to Chiswick and back.



All of this support is invaluable in keeping the Centre running. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the year.

Celebrating Achievement

Shadwell Pathways

This scheme, which was introduced in 2014, continues to be a positive way of working with young people. The scheme is an educational journey of exploration and discovery; which allows participants to gain experience and progressive skills as well as certificates and National Governing Body awards. The scheme includes a Leadership Award which gives a route into gaining coaching awards as young people develop their skills further.



Jack Petchey Awards

The young people's endeavours are recognised by their peers and the staff through the Jack Petchey Awards. These awards are voted on by the young people and are an important opportunity for members to be celebrated for their achievements and for reaching individual milestones.

The Everest Award

This award is presented annually to highlight outstanding personal achievement and was presented to Dexter, who first attended through the Adventure for All Inclusion programme. He developed further through the Integrated Youth Club, learning about himself and finding his own way to succeed. He is now on the Leadership Programme and has also completed the Bronze and Silver D of E Awards, showing determination and strength of purpose, even under pressure.

Adventure Coach Training Scheme

The Centre has a long history of encouraging young people to gain new skills and access opportunities to training and employment. Young leaders who have developed through the Pathways Scheme are then supported and mentored to move into coaching roles through the Adventure Coach Training Scheme. This year six young people successfully achieved their British Canoeing UKCC Paddlesport Instructor Award and went on to volunteer in the summer project.



London Youth Games

Youth members represented the London Borough of Tower Hamlets once more at this prestigious competition. The team won the overall Gold medal in Slalom and Silver medal in Sprint, with individual Silver and Bronze medals in both disciplines. This was a fantastic achievement by the team against strong competition in the largest youth competition in the UK.

Shadwell Youth Challenge

This long running annual event took place in the autumn. It is a friendly introduction to competition in a supportive environment, with categories for speed climbing, kayak slalom and sprint. The event is often the first taste of competitive sport for many young people and is always well attended by members.



Special Projects and New Developments

Inspiring Futures

The Centre has been fortunate in gaining a grant from the Mayor of London's Young Londoners Fund for a new project "Inspiring Futures". This programme will identify and engage young people who are "at risk" and inspire and support them to grow into the best person they can be. At the end of the year the Centre recruited for a Youth Referrals Co-ordinator to develop this programme and is pleased to welcome Robyn Cuthbert to the team in the role.



The Right to Explore

Our commitment to positive action on equality has progressed through an innovative partnership with the Lindley Educational Trust and Outward Bound Trust, funded through The North Face and Sport England. The programme works with young people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, providing pathways into employment in the outdoor activity sector. Twelve young leaders spent an intense week with Outward Bound in the Lake District and went on to mentor young people from local schools in their first outdoor experiences.

Girls Can Adventure

This was the final year of funding for this very successful programme and we were fortunate to gain further support from LBTH to continue the work as part of a wider programme from October 2019. Since the start of the programme 143 girls had 1970 attendances, trying new activities, making new friends and gaining skills and confidence. The new programme has now started and will continue until 2022.

Kilimanjaro Youth Challenge

Our next international expedition aims to take young people to Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro and work on a project with street children. The group have been fundraising and training for this challenge that will impact their futures in so many positive ways. Training included a gruelling twelve hour mountain marathon in the Lake District, which took in three peaks including Scafell Pike. In March 2020 the decision was taken to postpone the expedition due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Climbing Wall

Funding from Sport England and the London Marathon Charitable Trust enabled the climbing wall to be renovated and expanded this year. The completed wall has more climbing space and has meant that young people with disabilities can access climbing fully for the first time. The wall has been a resounding success with individuals of all abilities, who are able to develop their skills in a progressively challenging, but safe environment.

Shadwell Sailing Club

The sailing club was fairly busy throughout the year. A number of downriver sails took place at the weekends and our regular Tuesday evening jaunts gave several new members and guests their first glimpse of Tower Bridge from the river, a sight that I will never cease to enjoy.



We coped throughout the season with one safety boat, our small fleet of Wayfarers and the trusty Drascombe Longboat 'Vicky J'. This, plus the odd outing of the Laser gave us just about enough capacity for our members and guests.

The workboat remained ashore although several discussions have taken place about how we should proceed in improving the safety boat fleet, but no decisions have been made. The fleet of boats has fared quite well with only minor damage here and there, and our ability to launch and recover from the slipway has become more efficient.



The novice evenings continued to be very popular and our new website and booking system allowed for us to control numbers, and ensure that all current members were also able to sail.



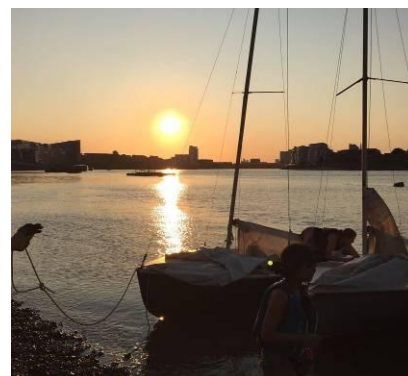
This year we were able to offer some family sailing sessions on the dock. These were very popular and it's something that I would be keen to see happening on a regular basis in the forthcoming seasons. Social media continues to work well and there are often lots of sailing moments being shared after each session via WhatsApp.

A number of people kept up the tradition of sailing alongside the folks from North London Sailing Association at Brightlingsea, taking part in courses and cruising weekends.

RYA level 1 & 2 courses took place instructed by volunteers from the club, we also ran a small number of in house safety boat courses.

During the colder months we managed several local sails and continued with our annual maintenance programme.

It's been a good year for sailing, thanks to everyone who has been involved.



Tower Hamlets Canoe Club

Tower Hamlets Canoe Club has had another great year which saw many paddlers either starting, developing or improving their paddling in different craft. THCC has 125 members and meets every Tuesday throughout the year.

Sessions are held on the Basin and on the river, coached and led by experienced club members. Most Tuesdays a group takes part in a canoe polo game. As a club we also run introductory beginner courses accessible to anyone who wants to give paddling a go.



This year members went on a variety of trips on white water, on the sea and in open canoes to venues such as the Lake District, Dorset, Scotland, Isles of Scilly and Ireland.



During the past year many members attended different courses to extend their paddling skills. We had members who became Paddlesport Instructors, White Water and Open Canoe Leaders on moderate water and Sea Kayak Leaders on moderate and advanced water. Many members attended courses in First Aid, white water safety and rescue and coastal navigation.

One important event happened during club nights over the winter and spring. Twelve pairs of paddlers took part in a club racing competition, when each Tuesday night a pair received a short coaching sessions from Paul S, our only racing coach, then took a measured time trial to paddle 200m in a K2. Most paddlers completed the distance, some swam, all had fun, then during our yearly Show and Tell evening the results were revealed.



In February 2020 our members organised a paddle litter pick up. They paddled along Limehouse Cut, a stretch of canal between Limehouse and Bromley-by-Bow and collected a lot of rubbish, helping to keep the environment clean. We are hoping that more such events will happen in the future.

Statement of Financial Activities
Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	13,875	77,253	91,128	143,187
Charitable activities	113,432	17,910	131,342	129,049
Other trading activities	48,336	-	48,336	47,561
Investment income	9,614	12,951	22,565	23,080
Other Income	350	-	350	
Total income	185,607	108,114	293,721	342,877
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of other trading activities	-	-	-	991
Expenditure on charitable activities	252,899	71,236	324,135	366,305
Total expenditure	252,899	71,236	324,135	367,296
Net gains (losses) on investments	(16,338)	(67,176)	(83,514)	(2,661)
Net Expenditure and net movement in funds	(83,630)	(30,298)	(113,928)	(21,758)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	240,544	261,684	502,228	523,986
Total funds carried forward	156,914	231,386	388,300	502,228

This summary of income and expenditure and the balance sheet opposite are extracted from the full audited accounts, copies of which are available from the Centre.



Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2020

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		10,689	10,719
Investments		<u>372,047</u>	<u>470,695</u>
		382,736	481,414
Current assets			
Debtors	24,774		53,238
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>15,722</u>		<u>15,162</u>
	40,496		68,400
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(34,932)		<u>(47,586)</u>
Net current assets		<u>5,564</u>	<u>20,814</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>388,300</u>	<u>502,228</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		231,386	261,684
Unrestricted funds		<u>156,914</u>	<u>240,544</u>
Total charity funds		<u>388,300</u>	<u>502,228</u>

For the financial year to 31st March 2020, the Centre's incoming resources were £293,721, a decrease on the previous year due to funds from 2019 being in the income for a capital project.

The Centre's expenditure was £324,135 giving the charity an operational deficit of £30,414, which was down to the cancellation of the Great River Race fundraising event and falling short in restricted grant income. The major component of the expenditure is represented by salaries and associated employers costs at £209,957. This was similar to the previous year through careful planning, timetabling and volunteer coaching. To assist with financial stability the Centre has embarked on cost saving exercises by reviewing all its external contracts as well as making sure grant applications are covering three years worth of funding where possible including facility use.

Investment income of £12,951 in the restricted funds has been allocated and expended to meet the undertakings of the lease and licence agreements. Due to the effects of Brexit and the Coronavirus shutdown starting in March there was a substantial loss in the charities assets as shares of £83,514, although from April 2020 this steadily recovered.

The staff and volunteers have continued to provide high quality services whilst under the pressure of battling to stabilise the finances. The Trustees and Directors have continued to work with staff and volunteers to manage the Centre's service within the resources available.

The Centre remains dependent on grants and donations from charitable trusts, businesses and individuals. A number of larger three year grants have just started and emergency grant aid will be sought to off-set the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic shutdown. Diversifying income sources and finding alternative ways of raising funds, such as community fundraising challenges, will become more important to the Centre over the coming years.

However even under a challenging financial environment, we will continue to honour our charitable objectives to provide affordable outdoor activity opportunities for the young people and community of Tower Hamlets.

Groups who used the Centre throughout the year



9 th Tower Hamlets Scouts	Green Gables Montessori	Redlands School
Alleyn's School	Harry Gosling School	Regatta London
Ambassadors Football	Haverstock School	St Paul's Church
Aquabats	Hawley School	St Peters Watercolour Group
Beatrice Tate School	Langdon Park School	Sea Regs Training
Bench Blisters Rowing Team	Latymer Upper School	Shadwell Sailing Club
Bethnal Green Cluster Schools	Lawdale School	Sir William Burroughs School
Bishop Challoner School	LBTH Disability Childrens Team	Stephen Hawking School
Blue Gate Fields School	London Youth Rowing	Stepney Green School
Canary Wharf College	Manorfield School	Stepney Cluster Schools
Central Foundation	Marion Richardson School	Sussex House School
Christopher Hatton School	Marjorie McClure School	Tideway Oarsome Challenge
Commercial Rd Cluster Schools	Mulberry Academy Shoreditch	Tower Hamlets Canoe Club
Dallington School	Mulberry Girls School	Virginia School
Daneford Trust	Mulberry UTC	Westminster Abbey Choir Sch
Date Palm School	Newham College	Whitechapel Cluster Schools
Devons Road Cluster Schools	Pierhead Montessori	Woodcraft Folk London
E1 Cluster Schools	Predators Martial Arts	
East End Canoe Polo Club	Prince's Trust	
The Fireworks Firm	React First Aid	

Help us to change young people's lives

Many young people have told us how participating in the activities of the Centre has been a life changing experience. These changes are mainly either by going on to greater adventure and challenges in the world wilderness areas or by gaining the confidence, determination and inspiration to improve their expectations of what they can achieve. We will only be able to continue to do this with your help and support!

Shadwell Basin is a sparkling seven acres of water, the last remains of the great London Docks in Wapping, overlooked by St Pauls Church where Captain Cook was a parishioner. The Pierhead site, where the Centre buildings stand, is a small haven with amazing views across the Radcliffe Reach of the River Thames, where in the past famous mariners such as Sir William Burrough and Martin Frobisher left on voyages of adventure and discovery. In 1976 local parents and community leaders had the vision and determination to start the transformation from what was a derelict dock into a Outdoor Centre now providing the widest range of adventurous activities available in central London.

How can you help?

If 150 people raised or donated £2 a week it would make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts. Donations can be made directly on our page at www.virginmoneygiving.com or through our website www.shadwell-basin.org.uk. We are also registered on the Charity Aid Foundation's "Give as you Earn" scheme with a registration number of 000456246. Many companies will also match what employees donate so why not check out how you can get your employer involved in making a contribution.

If you have any ideas on how to support the Centre or would like any further information please contact information@shadwell-basin.org.uk or give us a call on 020 7481 4210. Thank you for your help.

How to find us:

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Nearest bus 100 or D3

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